

this bill. Sustained military operations, however, need approval from Congress. This is a principle firmly rooted in the Constitution, which stipulates that funding for our military should not extend beyond 2 years.

The PEACE Act would also set the standards for new military authorizations. For instance, each authorization would need to set a geographical scope on where military force can be used. A clear objective would need to be established for each authorization so that we know when victory is achieved, and the countries and groups that the U.S. is authorized to fight must be listed.

Additionally, the Departments of Defense and State would be charged with publishing an annual report on existing military operations for congressional review. This report will include information such as whether the military is meeting defined objectives, the number of casualties, and total costs.

Finally, the DOD and State Department will be required to brief Members of Congress on the contents of this report every 6 months.

It is never easy to decide between risking the lives of our troops or jeopardizing our national security. However, this is a decision that Members of Congress are elected to do, in large part because we are the body in this Federal Government that is closest to the people.

Military deployments that are accountable to the people are one thing that sets us apart as a nation to ensure that our fight is always for what is right. We owe it to our troops. We owe it to the American people.

REMEMBERING DONALD SCOTT OVERTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Donald Scott Overton of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away on April 14 at the age of 89.

Scott served our country in the U.S. Army and trained to be a pilot toward the end of the Korean war, giving him a love for flying that he would have for the rest of his life.

Scott became an accomplished glider pilot and enjoyed building planes from a kit in his garage.

Everyone who knew Scott recognized his giving heart and love for adventure. With his wife and friends, Scott cruised to all the continents except Africa.

Professionally, Scott worked tirelessly as the president of the Arthur D. Crane Real Estate Development Company and owned numerous small water companies.

I am thankful for the immense impact that Scott had on our community, and I know his legacy will remain.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him, during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MICKEY STEPHENS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Georgia Representative Mickey Stephens for his remarkable career in the Georgia General Assembly.

Mr. Stephens is a native of Savannah and a proud graduate of Savannah State College.

Mickey served one term in 2002 and was reelected in 2014 to the Georgia House, representing the 165th District.

As an educator, he was a great asset to Savannah High School, Shuman Middle School, and John W. Hubert Middle School. Additionally, Mickey served on the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education and the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Stephens is known throughout Georgia for his civic service, including his commitment to the community and his efforts in supporting the education of youth and adults.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Stephens for all of his work to make Savannah a better place to live. Mr. Stephens is an inspiration to all of us about giving back to the community.

REMEMBERING JAMES "JIMMY" ALLEN PETREA

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor the former mayor of Thunderbolt, Jimmy Petrea, who passed away on April 24 at the age of 74.

Jimmy spent his entire life serving others.

After graduating high school, Jimmy enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve our country and went on to serve 3 years in Vietnam.

Jimmy was elected mayor of Thunderbolt in 1981 and was reelected for multiple terms until he resigned in 2005.

During his 24 years as mayor, Jimmy was highly regarded by his constituents as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication.

After a quarter-century of service to the town of Thunderbolt and the Coastal Empire, one cannot visit Georgia's First Congressional District without seeing the profound impacts Jimmy made for his community.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him, during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN BELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Martin Bell's remarkable career as general manager of the Okefenokee Swamp Park.

For the past 26 years, Martin Bell has welcomed guests from around the world to experience the wonders of the Okefenokee Swamp.

Known as an intensely creative and hardworking leader, Mr. Bell's accomplishments are impressive.

Under Mr. Bell's management, many projects were completed to support the park's growth and sustainable future. Some of Mr. Bell's more notable accomplishments include the establishment of the Okefenokee Railroad, the

launch of the holiday light show, the construction of the Cypress Cove annex and greenhouse, and the reopening of a water trail that had been closed for 40 years.

Through his stewardship, Mr. Bell has exposed the beauty of the Okefenokee Swamp Park to visitors from across the globe and built the park into our State's most desirable ecotourism and educational destination.

Mr. Bell's passion and leadership for the park will be missed by all of those, like me, who appreciate his steadfast stewardship.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ACTS CONDUCTED BY HAMAS AGAINST ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly condemn the terrorist acts conducted by Hamas against the State of Israel.

These horrific scenes coming out of Jerusalem depict countless rockets being launched from Gaza with the intent to massacre innocent civilians. What we have seen of the Iron Dome's ability to intercept this high volume of rockets is truly remarkable. But unfortunately, some of these rockets are getting through, and that underscores Israel's security vulnerability. It reminds us why the United States must continue being an ally of Israel and why our commitment to Israel's sovereignty and independence is so crucial at a time of heightened regional hostility.

Quite frankly, I am surprised there haven't been more Members of this institution to extend their support for Israel. That is why, this week, I am introducing a resolution to not only condemn Hamas for these acts of terrorism but for Congress to signal its unwavering support to our strategic partner Israel and to the Jewish people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this resolution.

RECOGNIZING PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the incredible lifesaving care provided by pregnancy resource centers across the country.

Thanks to the 2,700 pregnancy resource centers in the United States, mothers looking for help, hope, and healing have a safe place they can turn to.

In my own district, Virginia's Fifth Congressional District, we have 10 outstanding centers where lives are saved and mothers are given new hope.

To recognize the exceptional work they do, I have introduced a resolution designating the week of November 8 as

National Pregnancy Center Week, highlighting the vital role that pregnancy resource centers play in helping mothers and families.

As a result of their work, young lives will be given the opportunity to live, grow up, and work in our great Nation.

Despite there being over three times as many pregnancy resource centers as abortion centers in the United States, sadly, most Americans are more familiar with the anti-life groups like Planned Parenthood because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle stumble over each other to throw taxpayer money in their direction.

Without pregnancy resource centers, millions more babies would be murdered by the scourge of radical anti-life groups under the guise of family planning.

To all those who selflessly serve in pregnancy resource centers, I thank you for your lifesaving work.

Mr. Speaker, no more fundamental right than the right to life exists in our country and in our world today, and there is no more fundamental responsibility of government than the responsibility to defend the most vulnerable among us, and that includes innocent, precious life in the womb.

Everyone knows abortion is wrong. The clear science shows us that it is the taking of innocent life in the womb. The only question is what priority we will give that unborn, precious life in the womb.

Thankfully, our country has an admirable history of correcting civil and social injustice. The glaring exception is the ultimate injustice of abortion.

I pray that we will soon correct this injustice, and I believe that history will rightly condemn those who stood on the wrong side on this issue. I pray that we will correct the injustice of abortion, which has tragically taken the lives of some 70 million unborn children.

HONORING DONALD KEITH STRICKLAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Sergeant First Class Donald Keith Strickland, who recently passed away. Donald's favorite quote was: "My proudest accomplishment was defending our great Nation."

Sergeant First Class Donald Keith Strickland was born on May 31, 1934, to George and Ruth Strickland in Richmond, Indiana. The Stricklands moved out to California for a better life, as many did back in those days.

Young Donald grew up in the San Fernando Valley and had many different jobs, from working at his family's grocery store to doing a paper route on his horse called Star Baby.

While attending high school, Donald had a call to duty and joined the Navy

on his 17th birthday. Donald's father had to sign papers in order to release him to enlist for the Korean war. While in Korea, he served on the famed aircraft carriers USS *Yorktown* and USS *Hornet*. After the Korean war and 3 years in the Navy, Donald decided to join the Army, where he spent the next 18 years of his life.

Donald did his basic training at Fort Bragg. During Donald's first jump after training, his parachute did not open until he almost hit the ground. As he tells the story: "I was the last one out of the plane and the first one down."

During Donald's time in the Army, he was stationed in West Germany, where he met the love of his life, Antonie, and they have been married for over 60 years.

Donald was sent off to the Vietnam war, where he served two tours of duty and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action during the Tet Offensive. Donald rose to the rank of sergeant first class.

After getting injured in the war, Donald became a drill sergeant at Fort Ord Army Base in Monterey, California. As his kids tell their friends, imagine having a drill sergeant for a dad.

In reminiscing with his children, Donald was always proud to be called a soldier for America. Donald considered the United States of America the greatest country in the world.

In 1973, Donald retired from the armed services and relocated to Simi Valley, California, where he worked for the police department.

Donald loved working with his hands and could fix anything. Donald never had a negative comment about anyone, and any person who knew him loved him for his hard work and his smile. Donald's commitment was resounding, as he did not retire until the age of 75.

Donald is survived by his wife, Antonie; his children, Gabriele, Rene, and Anthony; his grandchildren, Jacob, Samantha, Natasha, Alexandra, Ruby, and Anthony; and his great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Kayla, Sophia, and Bryce.

Donald had been a resident of Ventura County since 1973 and resided in Camarillo since 2000 with his wife for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a tribute to Donald Strickland.

SFC DONALD KEITH STRICKLAND

May 31, 1934–April 29, 2021 (age 86)

TRIBUTE

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While attending San Fernando Valley High School, Donald had a call to duty and joined the Navy on his 17th Birthday. His father

had to sign papers in order to release him to enlist for the Korean War. While in Korea, Donald served on the famed aircraft carriers USS *Yorktown* and USS *Hornet*. After the Korean War and three years in the Navy, Donald decided to join the Army of which he spent the next 18 years of his life.

Donald did his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and joined the legendary 82nd Airborne. During his first jump after training, Donald's parachute did not open until he almost hit ground. As he tells the story, "I was the last one out of the plane and the first one down." Not discouraged, his commanding officer sent him right back up with no hesitation on Donald's part. He loved jumping out of airplanes.

During his time in the Army, Donald was stationed in West Germany where he met the love of his life, Antonie, and have been married over 60 years. Donald was then sent off to the Vietnam War where he served two tours of duty and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action during the Tet Offensive. Donald rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class as a non-commissioned officer and received many medals and awards.

After getting injured in the war, Donald became a drill sergeant at Fort Ord Army Base in Monterey, California. As his kids tell their friends, imagine having a drill sergeant for a dad. In reminiscing with his children; he always was proud to be called a soldier. He considered the United States of America the greatest country in the world.

In 1973, Donald retired from the armed services and relocated to Simi Valley, California. He briefly worked for the Simi Valley Police department and later went on to be facilities manager for a number of Convalescent and Hospital locations throughout Ventura County. He loved working with his hands and could fix anything. He never had a negative comment about anyone and any person who knew him loved him for his hard work and smile. His commitment was resounding as he did not retire until the age of 75.

He is survived by his wife, Antonie; his children, Gabriele, Rene and Anthony; his grandchildren, Jacob, Samantha, Natasha, Alexandra, Ruby and Anthony; and his great grandchildren, Wyatt, Kayla, Sophia and Bryce.

Donald has been a resident of Ventura County since 1973 and resided in Camarillo since 2000 with his wife for the remainder of his life.

A Funeral Service was held on Sat, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Chapel of the Hills at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park: 2052 Howard Rd, Camarillo, California 93012, with interment to follow, also at Conejo Mountain.

THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG

Verse:

March along, sing our song, with the Army
of the free
Count the brave, count the true, who have
fought to victory

We're the Army and proud of our name
We're the Army and proudly proclaim

Chorus:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Verse:

Valley Forge, Custer's ranks,